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TWO YEARS LATER, SHE RETURNS...



THIS IS STRANGE. THE VILLAGE SEEMS DESERTED. THERE MUST BE SOME GREAT TROUBLE!

SUDDENLY, SHE COMES UPON AN UNCONSCIOUS MAN... HIS GLANDS SWOLLEN... FEVERISH...



THESE ARE THE SYMPTOMS, I LEARNED, OF... **BUBONIC PLAGUE!** I MUST GET HELP!

TAKING A DESERTED HORSE AND CART, LIN TAN HURRIES 15 MILES TO RANGOON...



COME QUICKLY! FLEAS HAVE SPREAD THE PLAGUE...THE VILLAGERS HAVE FLED IN PANIC--WE MUST FIND THEM ALL AND GIVE THEM INOCULATIONS!

WITHIN AN HOUR, WORLD HEALTH IMMUNIZATION TEAMS REACH THE VILLAGE...

THERE THEY ARE BY THE PAGODA, FEARFUL AND PRAYING!



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MARK MERLIN

SLEUTH OF THE SUPERNATURAL



MONSTERS FROM
THE PAST BEHIND US--
AND A VILLAIN FROM
OUR OWN FUTURE
AHEAD! WE'LL
NEVER GET OUT
OF HERE, ELSA!

MARK MERLIN SET OUT TO PROVE THAT
THREE LEGENDARY TERRORS OF THE PAST
HAD ONCE ACTUALLY LIVED! BUT HE
DISCOVERED SOMETHING FAR BEYOND
HIS EXPECTATIONS WHEN HE STUMBLED
UPON...

THE NEST OF FEAR!

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ABOARD THE NIGHT TRAIN ROARING THROUGH THE EUROPEAN COUNTRYSIDE, MARK MERLIN AND HIS SECRETARY ELSA DISCUSS A STRANGE THEORY...

... AND SO I'M CONVINCED THAT CERTAIN LEGENDARY CREATURES ACTUALLY HAD A BASIS IN FACT AT ONE TIME!

THE WAY THE "ABOMINABLE SNOWMAN" WAS ONCE BELIEVED TO BE JUST A LEGEND AND NOW APPEARS TO BE SOME STRANGE BUT REAL SORT OF BEAR?

EXACTLY! THERE ARE THREE SUCH "MYTHICAL" BEINGS WHICH I WANT TO INVESTIGATE! THE FIRST IS "THE MAN-MONSTER OF SERBOSLAVIA!"

SERBOSLAVIA NEXT STOP! HAVE YOUR PASSPORTS READY!



LATER, AT THEIR HOTEL WHEN THEY CONSULT THE OWNER...

"THE CASTLE OF 'THE MAN-MONSTER'?" YES, I CAN TELL YOU WHERE IT IS--OR WHERE IT WAS! BUT NO ONE WILL DARE TO TAKE YOU THERE, MR. MERLIN!

WE'LL MANAGE THAT OURSELVES. JUST GIVE US THE DIRECTIONS!



SOON, AS THEY APPROACH THE RUINS OF THE CASTLE...



"THE MAN-MONSTER" WAS SAID TO BE A RAMPAGING ARTIFICIAL MAN WHO FINALLY DIED IN THE FLAMES OF THAT CASTLE IN 1805!

HMM! I WONDER IF MARY SHELLEY BASED HER STORY OF "FRANKENSTEIN" ON THAT LEGEND!

THE PEOPLE ARE STILL SO FEARFUL OF THE LEGEND, THEY'VE NEVER DUG DOWN INTO THESE RUINS!



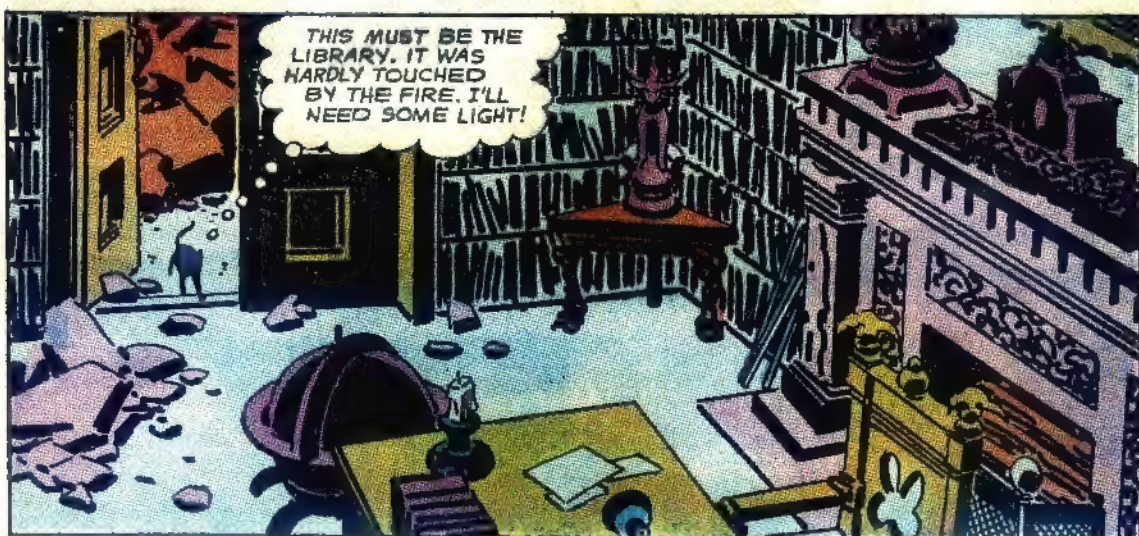
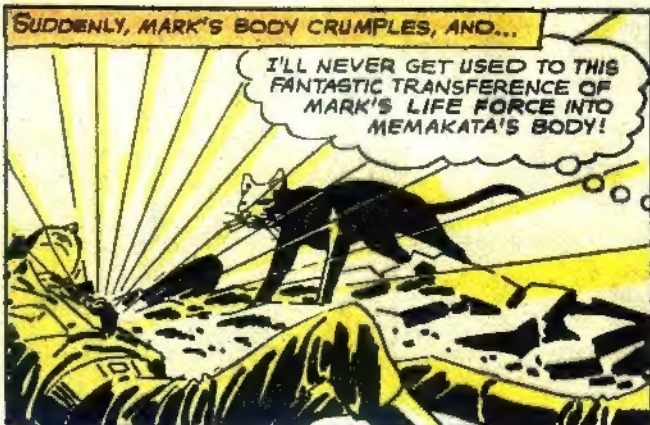
THEN HOW CAN YOU EXPECT TO PROVE THAT A GIANT MAN ACTUALLY PERISHED IN THERE? YOU CAN'T CRAWL THROUGH ALL THIS RUBBLE!

I CAN'T...BUT MEMAKATA, THE CAT, CAN! I GAZE DEEPLY INTO THE GLEAMING "EYES" OF THE SACRED CHARM OF THE PHAROHS...





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SHORTLY, AFTER MARK'S LIFE FORCE HAS BEEN RESTORED TO HIS BODY...

THAT GIANT HAND PRINT MEANS THERE WAS A REAL MAN-MONSTER! BUT THE DRAWING OF A BEARDED MAN--?



I DON'T KNOW! ALL WE CAN DO IS CONTINUE OUR INVESTIGATION! NEXT STOP, DENMARK, "HOME" OF THE VIKING SEA TERROR-- THE KRAKEN!

THE FOLLOWING DAY, IN A MARINE MUSEUM AT COPENHAGEN...



THERE'S THE NIGHTMARE OF EVERY VIKING SEAFARER--

JA! DOT IS DER DREAD KRAKEN! BUT IT WAS NO DREAM, MY FRIEND!

TOO MANY OF OUR ANCESTORS SAW IT AS FAR OFF AS THE INDIAN OCEAN! SOME SAY DOT IS VERE IT FIRST APPEARED!



HMMM! THAT'S AN INTERESTING FACT, ELSA! LET'S SEE WHAT ELSE WE CAN LEARN FROM THE ARCHIVES!

LEAVING DENMARK, LATER, THEY TRAVEL SOUTH TO THE DESERT.



YOU SEEK KNOWLEDGE OF THE LEGENDARY ANKA BIRD? THEN FIRST YOU MUST KNOW THAT THIS BIRD TRULY LIVED! WE HAVE HAD PROOF OF THIS FOR 2,000 YEARS!

PROOF! THAT'S WHAT I'M LOOKING FOR!

SILENTLY, THE ARAB CHIEFTAIN MOTIONS THEM INSIDE...



HERE IT IS! A BRAVE WARRIOR OF MY PEOPLE FOUGHT THE ANKA 20 CENTURIES AGO AND TORE THIS FROM IT!

MARK! A GIANT FEATHER! A BIRD WITH FEATHERS LIKE THAT MUST HAVE BEEN MONSTROUSLY LARGE! THERE'S YOUR PROOF!

NO! THIS ISN'T A FEATHER! IT'S A LEAF FROM THE RAFFIA PLANT-- A GIANT PALM THAT'S NATIVE TO MADAGASCAR! WAIT A MINUTE! MADAGASCAR! THAT'S IT!



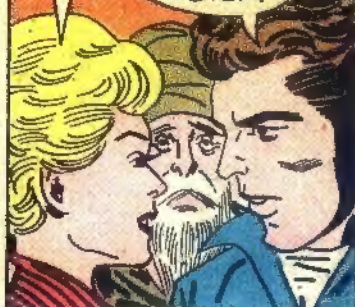
QUICKLY, MARK UNFOLDS THE ANCIENT SKETCH FROM THE CASTLE RUINS, HE'D POCKETED...

I HELD THIS SKETCH UPSIDE DOWN! WHEN I TURN IT RIGHT SIDE UP-- IT'S A MAP OF AFRICA! AND THAT 'X' IS RIGHT WHERE THE ISLAND OF MADAGASCAR WOULD BE-- IN THE INDIAN OCEAN!



THAT'S WHERE THE VIKING SEA TERROR CAME FROM, TOO!

NOT ONLY DID THESE THREE THINGS ONCE LIVE-- BUT THEY ALL HAD THE SAME ORIGIN!--AND THE KEY LIES IN MADAGASCAR! THAT'S OUR NEXT STOP!



NOT LONG AFTER...

WHY DO YOU THINK WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR IS NEAR THIS VILLAGE, MARK?

I SUDDENLY RECALLED THAT THE ANKA BIRD WAS AN ARAB VERSION OF THE ANCIENT ROC! AND LEGENDO SAYS, THE ROC LIVED IN A VALLEY NEAR HERE!



AS THEY ENTER THE VALLEY...

THIS IS IT-- BUT THERE'S NOTHING HERE! IT'S JUST A HOT, BARREN VALLEY WITH FLAT, NATURAL WALLS! WE'VE DRAWN A BLANK, ELSA!



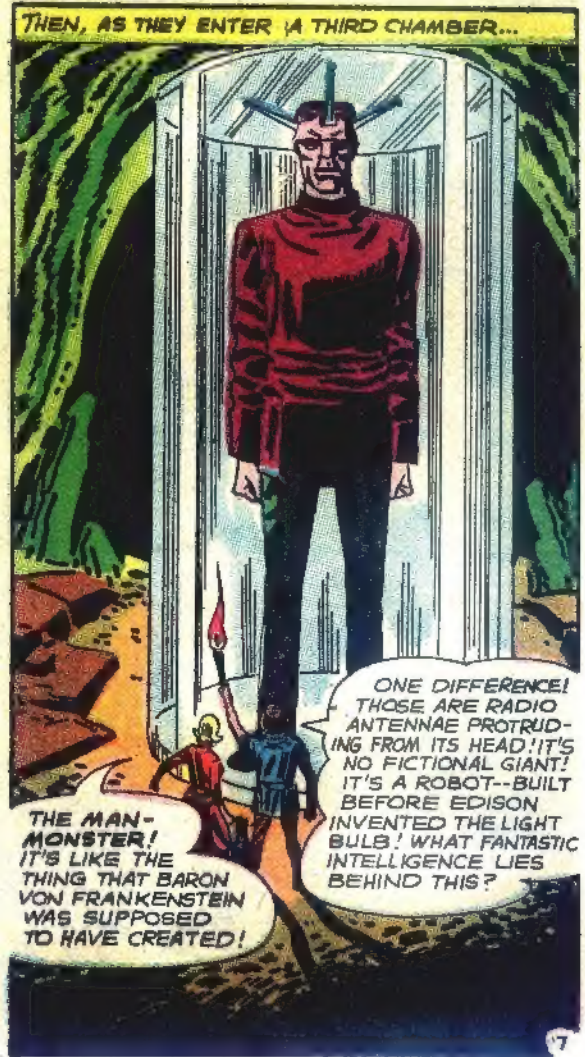
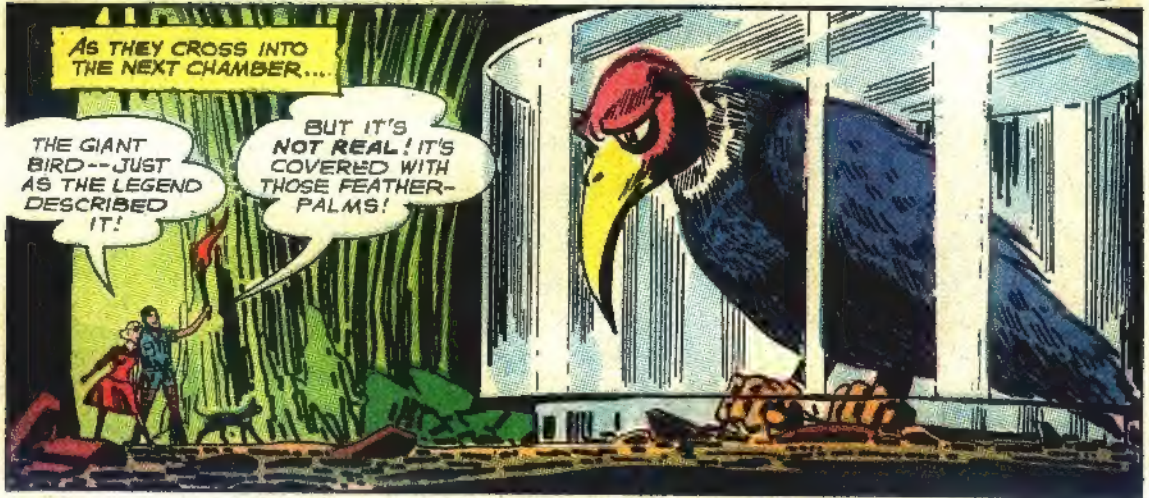
SUDDENLY...

LOOK AT MEMAKATA! CATS CAN DETECT MINOR TEMPERATURE DIFFERENCES! SHE'S SPOTTED COOL AIR COMING THROUGH A CRACK BEHIND THE WALL! THAT MEANS-- A CAVE!



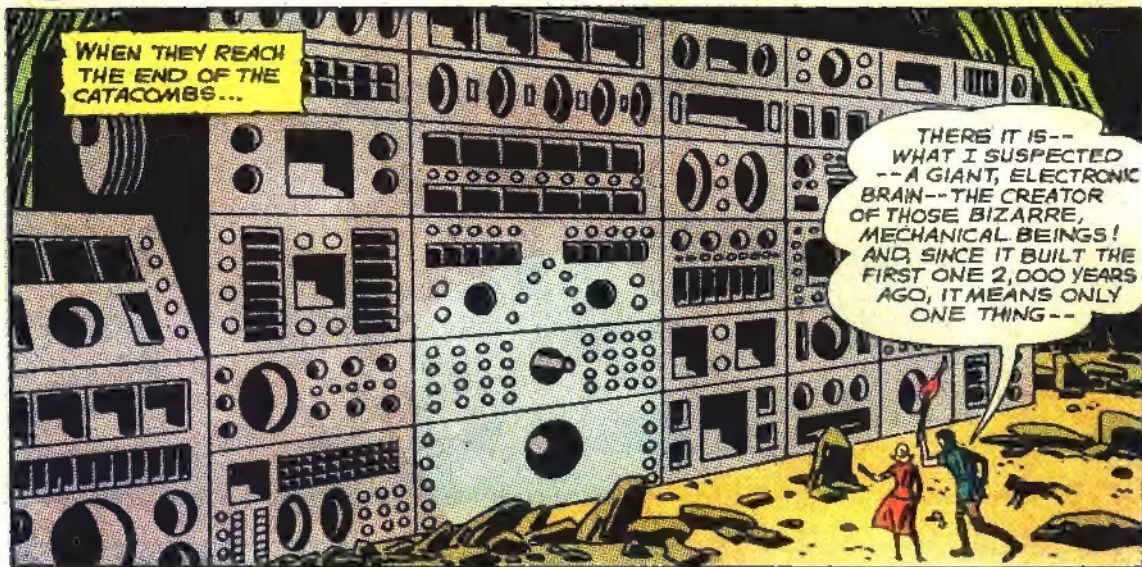
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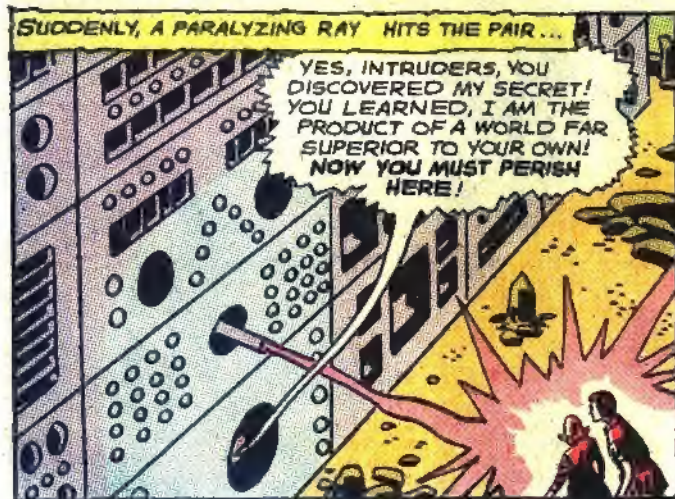


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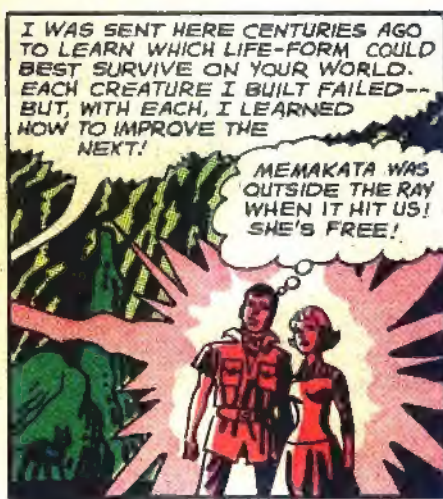
WHEN THEY REACH
THE END OF THE
CATACOMBS...

THERE IT IS--
WHAT I SUSPECTED
--A GIANT, ELECTRONIC
BRAIN--THE CREATOR
OF THOSE BIZARRE,
MECHANICAL BEINGS!
AND, SINCE IT BUILT THE
FIRST ONE 2,000 YEARS
AGO, IT MEANS ONLY
ONE THING--



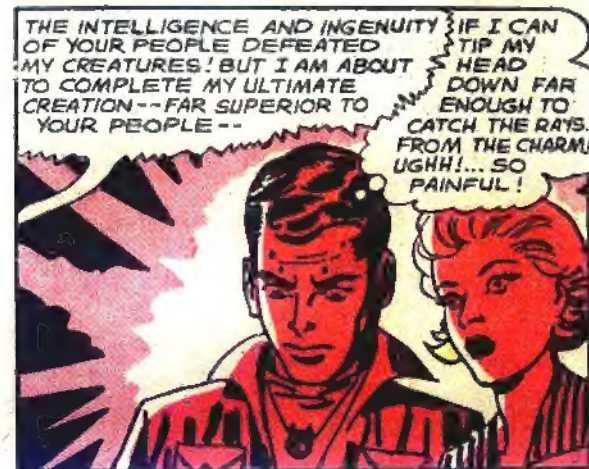
SUDDENLY, A PARALYZING RAY HITS THE PAIR...

YES, INTRUDERS, YOU
DISCOVERED MY SECRET!
YOU LEARNED, I AM THE
PRODUCT OF A WORLD FAR
SUPERIOR TO YOUR OWN!
NOW YOU MUST PERISH
HERE!



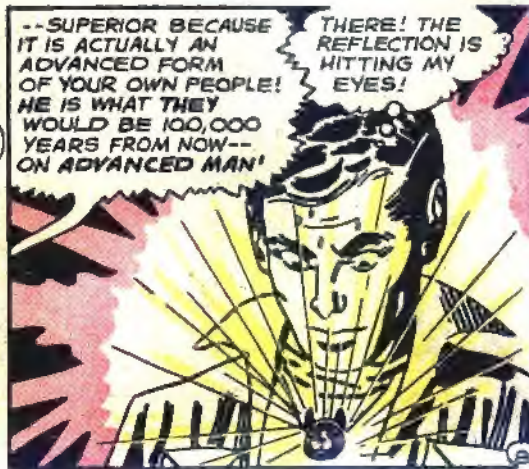
I WAS SENT HERE CENTURIES AGO
TO LEARN WHICH LIFE-FORM COULD
BEST SURVIVE ON YOUR WORLD.
EACH CREATURE I BUILT FAILED--
BUT, WITH EACH, I LEARNED
HOW TO IMPROVE THE
NEXT!

MEMAKATA WAS
OUTSIDE THE RAY
WHEN IT HIT US!
SHE'S FREE!



THE INTELLIGENCE AND INGENUITY
OF YOUR PEOPLE DEFEATED
MY CREATURES! BUT I AM ABOUT
TO COMPLETE MY ULTIMATE
CREATION--FAR SUPERIOR TO
YOUR PEOPLE--

IF I CAN
TIP MY
HEAD
DOWN FAR
ENOUGH TO
CATCH THE RAYS,
FROM THE CHARM!
UGH!!... SO
PAINFUL!



--SUPERIOR BECAUSE
IT IS ACTUALLY AN
ADVANCED FORM
OF YOUR OWN PEOPLE!
HE IS WHAT THEY
WOULD BE 100,000
YEARS FROM NOW--
ON ADVANCED MAN!

THERE! THE
REFLECTION IS
HITTING MY
EYES!



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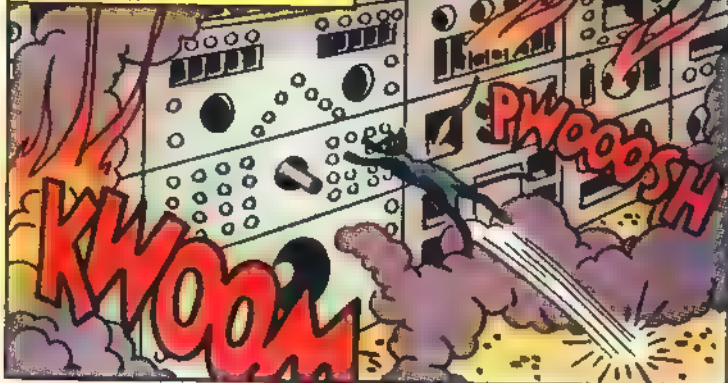


INSTANTLY, AS MARK'S LIFE FORCE IS TRANSFERRED INTO THE CAT...

THE CAT--ATTACKING ME! BUT HOW CAN IT DO THAT WHEN IT HAS NO INTELLIGENCE?



LASHING OUT WITH HER PAWS, MEMAKATA SABOTAGES THE "BRAIN"...



AND WITH IT POWERLESS, MARK RETURNS TO HIS BODY...

MEMAKATA HELPED ME TO JAM ITS CIRCUITS! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE IT MAY RECOVER!

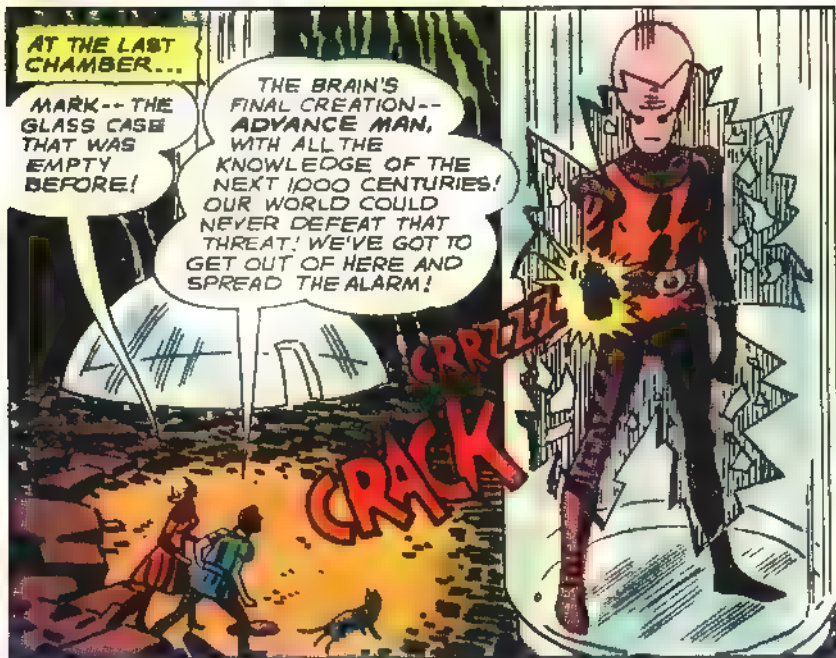


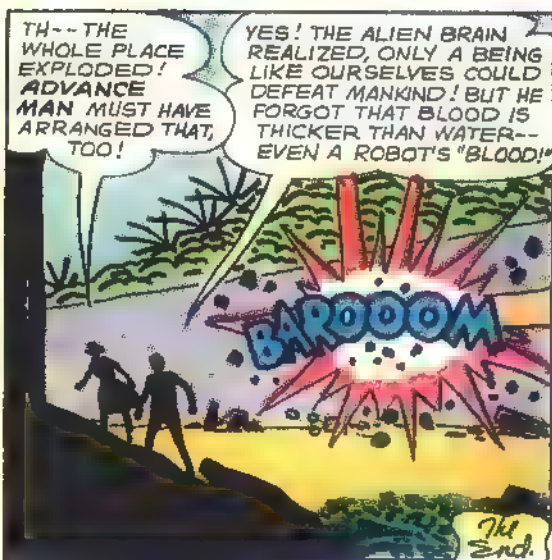
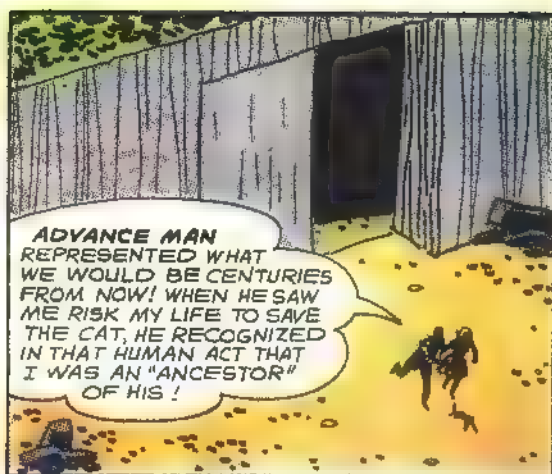
AS THEIR FRENZIED DASH TAKES THEM PAST THE OTHERS...





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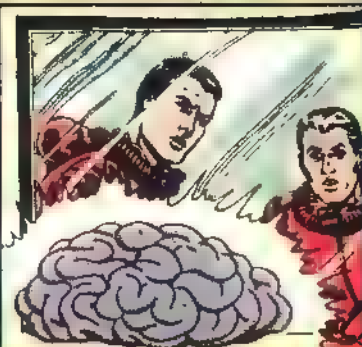
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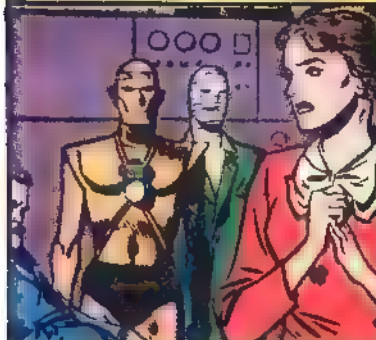
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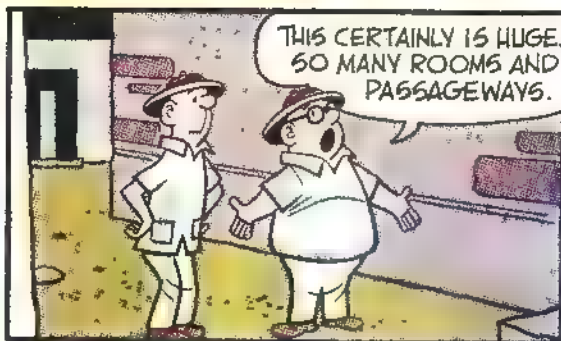
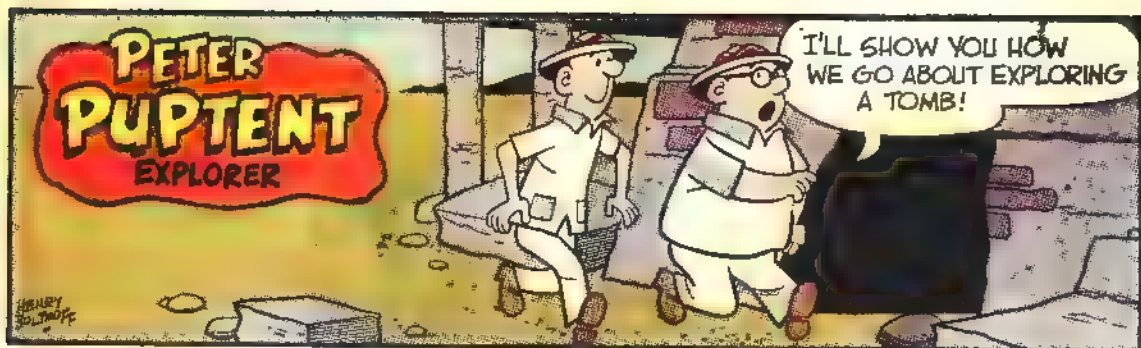
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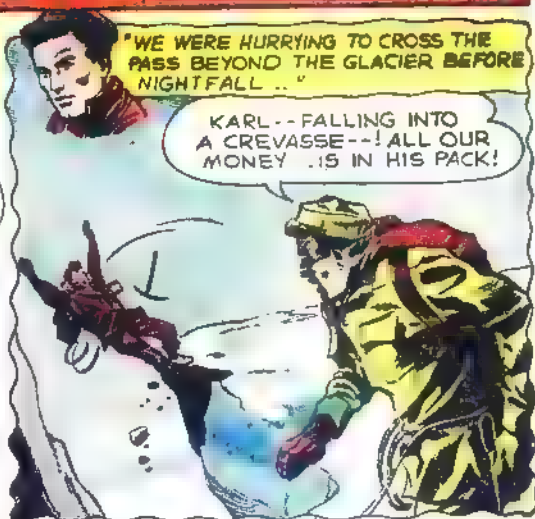
WHAT MAKES YOU RISK SUCH A CLIMB TO REACH THE GLACIER, DULAC?

A FORTUNE! IT'S BEEN 10 YEARS SINCE MY BUSINESS PARTNER, KARL FORST, AND I WERE JOURNEYING ACROSS THESE PEAKS.

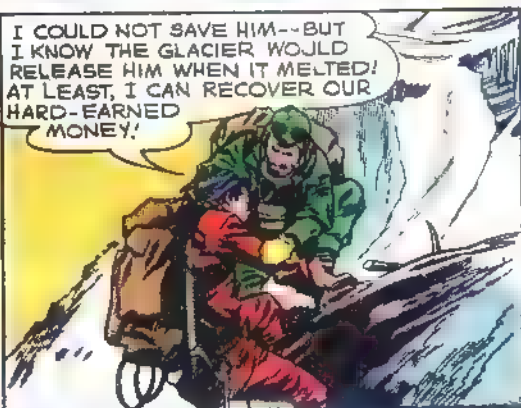


"WE WERE HURRYING TO CROSS THE PASS BEYOND THE GLACIER BEFORE NIGHTFALL..."

KARL-- FALLING INTO A CREVASSE--! ALL OUR MONEY... IS IN HIS PACK!



I COULD NOT SAVE HIM-- BUT I KNOW THE GLACIER WOULD RELEASE HIM WHEN IT MELTED! AT LEAST, I CAN RECOVER OUR HARD-EARNED MONEY!



WHEN THE PAIR REACH THE BODY...

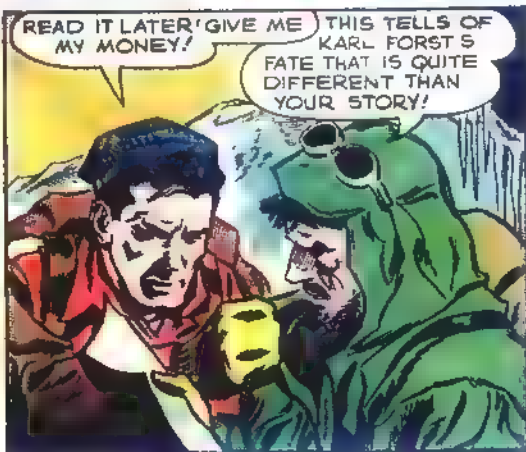
POOR KARL! FREED, AT LAST, FROM HIS ICY TOMB! THE MONEY. GIVE ME THE MONEY!

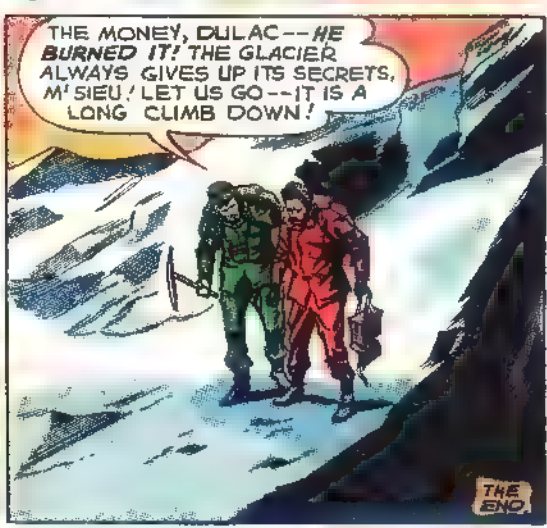
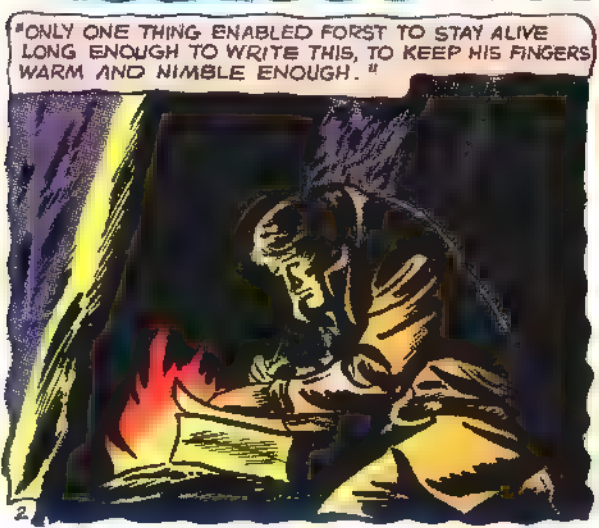
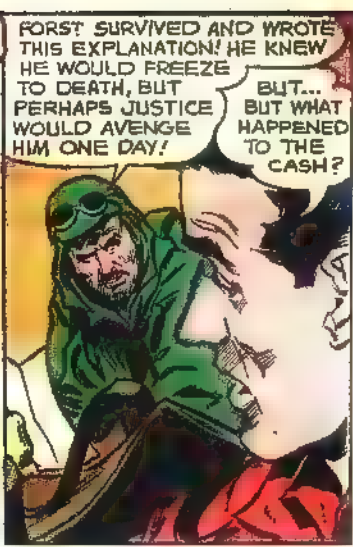
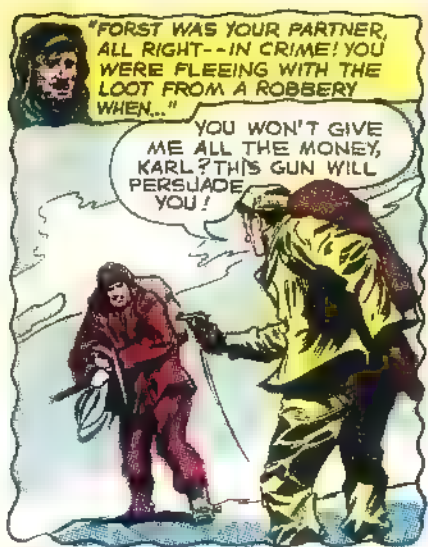
JUST A MOMENT, M'SIEU! HERE IS A NOTE THAT WAS IN THE PACK!



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Mark Merlin's Mailbox

Dear Editor:

Shazam! (Pardon my exuberance.) You must continue *Eclipse*, and keep him in long stories, maybe the entire issue. Mark Merlin is capable of adequate stories, but that's it. But with *Eclipse*, you have a superior comic, and the art is just a joy! Keep up the good work!

Paul Gambaccini, Westport, Conn.

It seems that we have a smash hit in *Eclipse*, judging by the number of letters we've received. Fred Romanek of Encino, Calif., writes: "Well, you've finally done it—started me collecting *HOUSE OF SECRETS*. You've got a feature that makes up for all your former faults, and then some! I'm referring, of course, to your great new hero-villain *Eclipse*. This modern Jekyll-Hyde is the most original super-hero of them all! In the first story, which introduced him, it was a shame the way Bruce Gordon's life-work was destroyed, but it added to the realism. Solar City is an excellent name, and quite fitting for *Eclipse*. Bruce's girl friend Mona was well done, and I hope we haven't seen the last of her."

"I think *Eclipse* is great," says Michael E. Colby of Hewlett Bay Park, N. Y. "I hope you never stop publishing his stories!" . . . Martin Kasdan, Jr., of Louisville, Ky., claims this is the first time he enjoyed Lee's work, "the origin was original, and the plotting enjoyable." . . . Susanne LaBocchetta, Philadelphia, had one word to say for the whole issue, "Wow!" . . . Among others who expressed enthusiasm were Jimmy Milligan of Manchester, Tenn.; Gregory Kerekes of Hollis, N. Y., who found the feature great but warned "that he has to be developed before you can tell how successful he'll be. I have faith, however, and am looking forward to seeing a lot more of him."

Delmer Fox, Duluth, Minn. enjoyed *Eclipse* and hoped to see him "gradually become a good guy" . . . So did Jerry Johnson of Superior, Wisc. . . . Jeff Zucker writes from Hamden, Conn., that *Eclipse* has made him a permanent *HOUSE OF SECRETS* fan after buying his first copy. . . . Dennis Richard of Lawrence, Mass., found him far superior to other features. . . . Fred Patten typed from Los Angeles that he doesn't vote for the suggested series on famous magicians, and took half a page to express his favorable opinion re *Eclipse*: Bob Haney's story, Lee Elias' art, and while split-personality villains have been used before—*Two-Face* in *Batman*, *Dr. Polaris* in *Green Lantern*—he doesn't recall an entire series based on this theme, which is terrific!

Interesting comments about Mark Merlin and the cat curse also received from Mike Malicki, Cudahy, Wisc.; Henry Frank, Spotswood, N. J.; Hudson Smith, Shaker Heights, Ohio; Clyde Andre Castilla, Los Angeles; Blaine Board, Glen Dale, W. Va.; and that veteran critic from Aberdeen, Md., Tom Jones, who took three pages to analyze the magazine—favorably, we are glad to report

Adding to the superstitions we've been running on this page comes a note from Lucy Hahn of Cincinnati: "Have you heard the one about the baseball player, who, if he finds and picks up a hairpin on his home field, will hit a home run?"

Dear Editor:

No doubt, *Eclipse*'s introduction will prompt comparison with Robert Louis Stevenson's Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, so let me enlighten my fellow-fans with a few facts. That fictional character was suggested by a real-life character!

William Brodie was an industrious, well-liked carpenter in Edinburgh, but at night, he transformed himself into a cloaked, hunched ogre who terrorized the populace. How he managed to change himself wasn't known, but most people guessed that he took a potion of some kind. But Brodie's popularity was so vast that he managed to have himself elected town counselor, a role which he carried off with great dignity during the day while reverting to his evil form after dark.

Brodie was as thorough in his duties as a counselor as he had been a carpenter. One of his achievements was the design and construction of a gallows, which broke the victim's neck instead of suffocating him. This humane advance was well received, but nobody appreciated it more than William Brodie. For captured during the commission of a crime, and tried, he was found guilty and sentenced to die on his own gallows! It was only during the trial that his double-dealing as hero and villain was exposed.

Stevenson was so impressed by the account that he wrote a play based on Brodie's activities, which he later developed into the thrilling classic we know today.

John Tully, Franklin, N. D.
(Thanks, John! We're sure readers will enjoy reading your letter as much as we did.)

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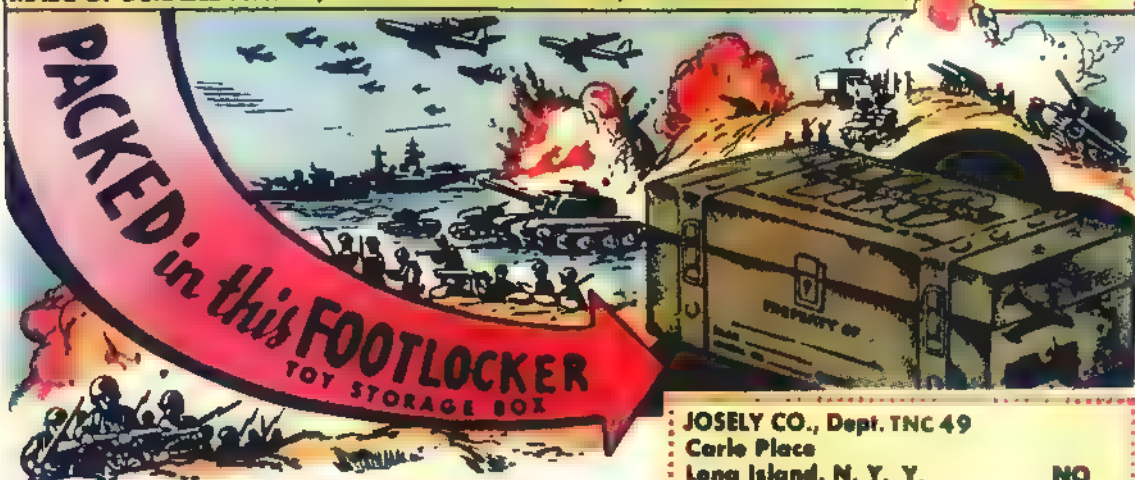
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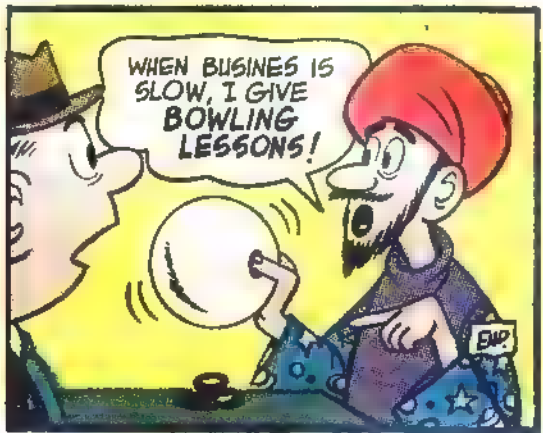
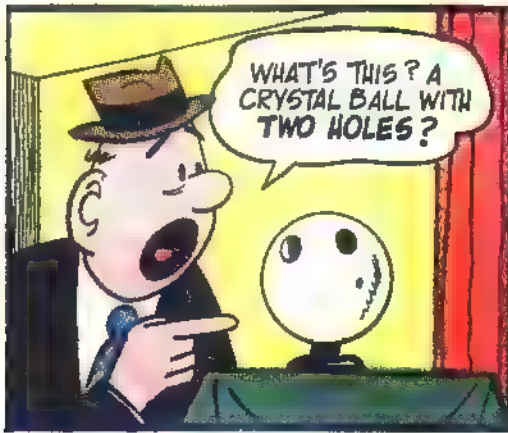
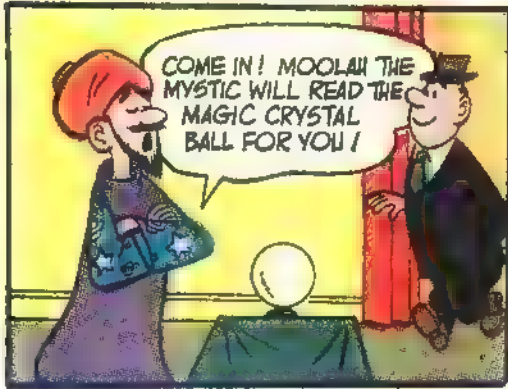
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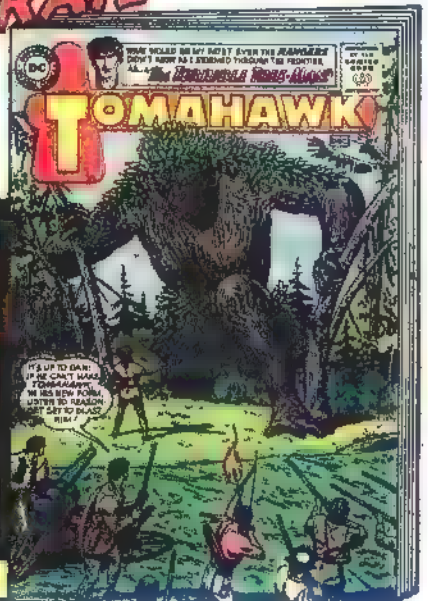
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EVEN MORE STARTLING
TWIST WHEN HE MEETS
THE UNIQUE THREAT
OF...**

ECLIPSO's AMAZING ALLY!



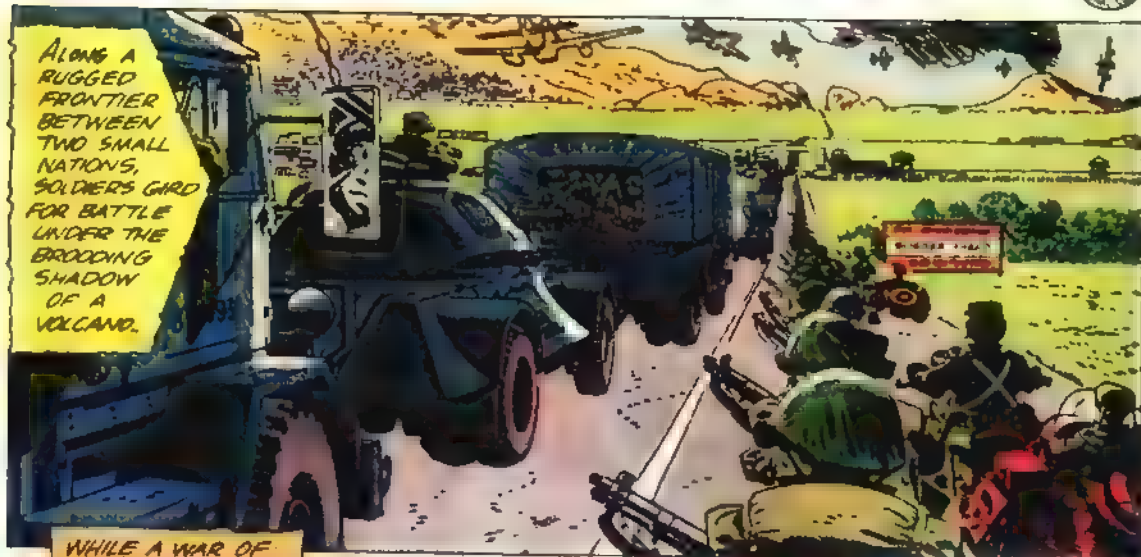
BRUCE HAS BEEN
SPLIT INTO TWO
BEINGS--HIMSELF
AND... HIS ARCH-
ENEMY ECLIPSO!
WH-WHAT'LL HAPPEN
NOW?

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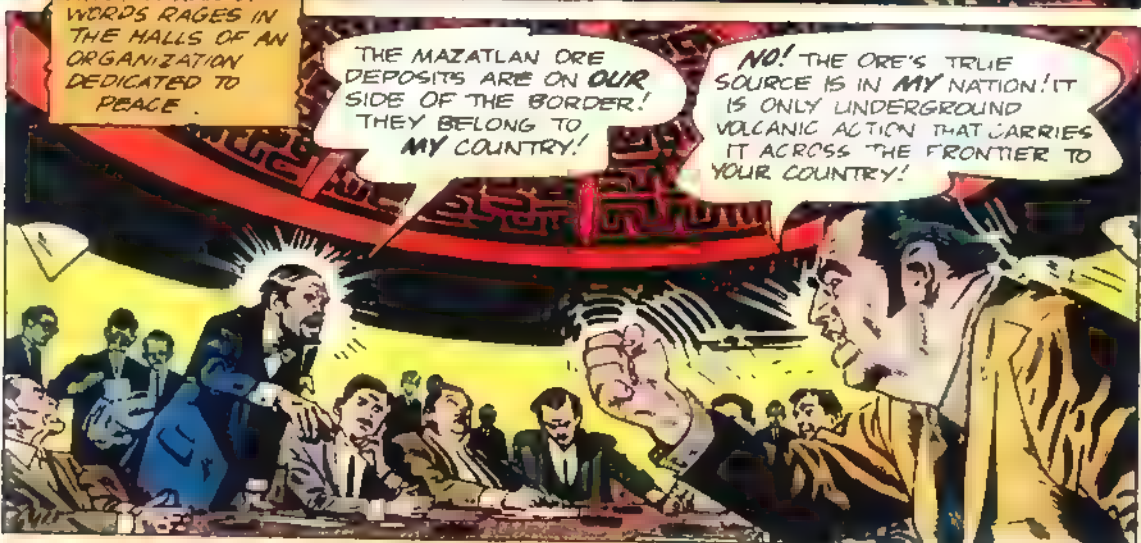
JIMMY
TOTH



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ALONG A
RUGGED
FRONTIER
BETWEEN
TWO SMALL
NATIONS,
SOLDIERS GIRD
FOR BATTLE
UNDER THE
BROODING
SHADOW
OF A
VOLCANO.



WHILE A WAR OF
WORDS RAGES IN
THE HALLS OF AN
ORGANIZATION
DEDICATED TO
PEACE.

THE MAZATLAN ORE
DEPOSITS ARE ON **OUR**
SIDE OF THE BORDER!
THEY BELONG TO
MY COUNTRY!

NO! THE ORE'S TRUE
SOURCE IS IN **MY** NATION! IT
IS ONLY UNDERGROUND
VOLCANIC ACTION THAT CARRIES
IT ACROSS THE FRONTIER TO
YOUR COUNTRY!



AT THIS VERY MOMENT, THOUSANDS OF MILES AWAY

LADIES AND GENTLEMAN!
WE'RE HONORED BY THE
PRESENCE OF A FAMOUS
SCIENTIST-- DR BRUCE
GORDON!



TAKE A
BOW
DARLING!
YOUR
PUBLIC IS
WAITING!

THIS IS
VERY
EMBARRASSING.



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AS BRUCE RISES, THE SPOT-LIGHT OPERATOR MISTAKENLY INSERTS A DARK "GEL" IN THE PROJECTOR...

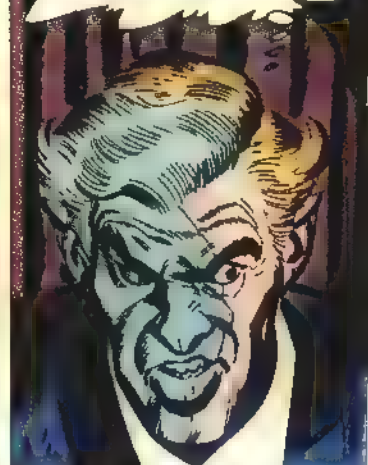


...WHICH BEGINS TO ECLIPSE THE WHITE LIGHT...



SUDDENLY FEEL STRANGE... LIKE I...

NO--IT CAN'T BE! IT CAN'T HAPPEN THIS WAY--!



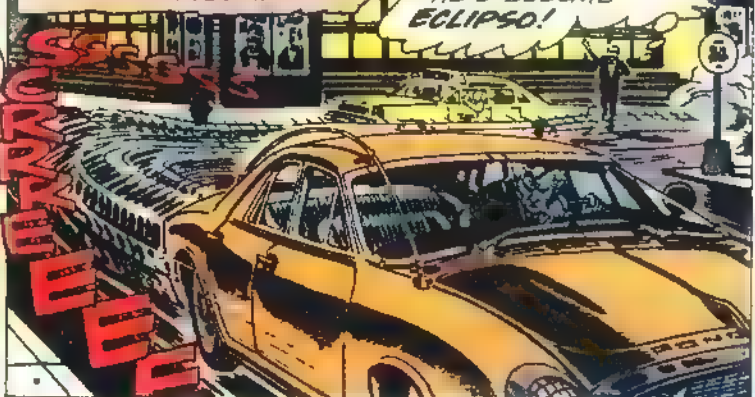
AS THE WHITE SPOTLIGHT IS RESTORED...



BRUCE! WHERE ARE YOU GOING? DAD! WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO HIM?

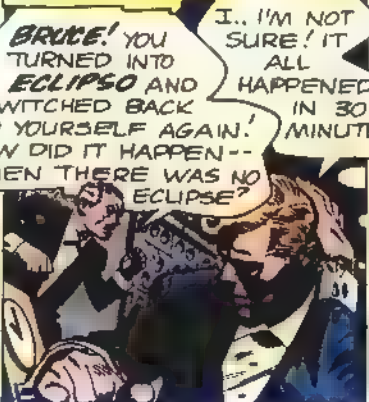
STAY HERE, MONA! I'LL FIND OUT!

OF ALL THE SPECTATORS IN THE DARKENED THEATER, ONLY PROF BENNETT HAS SEEN THE DREADFUL CHANGE...



THERE HE GOES -- BUT I MUST CATCH UP TO HIM.. BECAUSE HE'S BECOME -- ECLIPSO!

THE CHASE ENDS IN THEIR VAST LABORATORY OUTSIDE THE CITY...



BRUCE! YOU TURNED INTO ECLIPSO AND SWITCHED BACK TO YOURSELF AGAIN! HOW DID IT HAPPEN-- WHEN THERE WAS NO ECLIPSE?

I.. I'M NOT SURE! IT ALL HAPPENED IN 30 MINUTES!

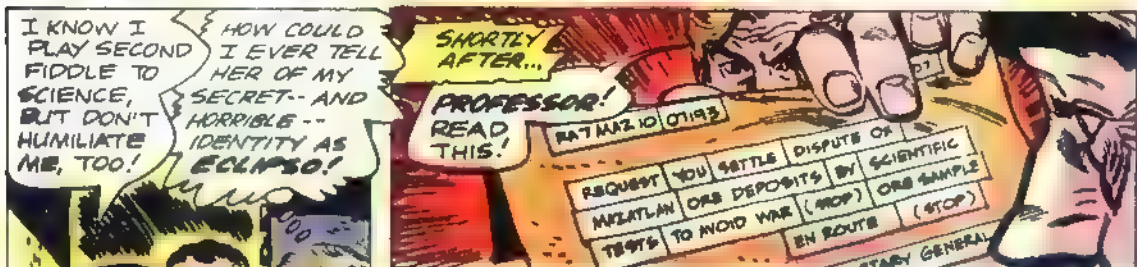
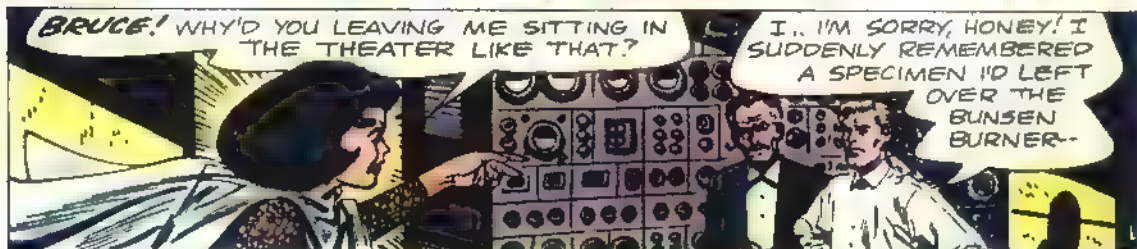
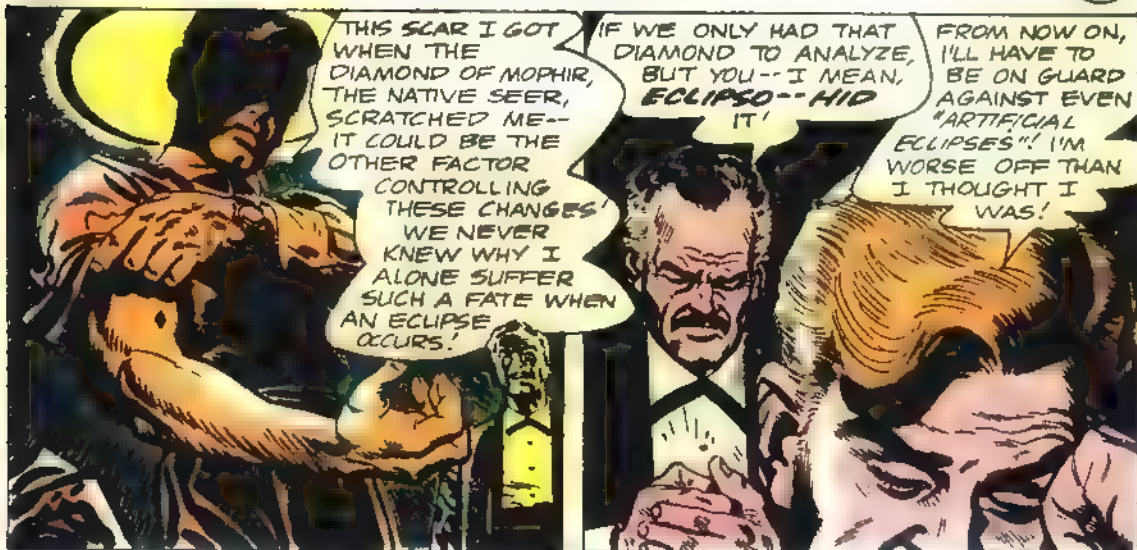
MAYBE THAT'S IT--THAT SPOT-LIGHT AFFECTED ME LIKE A MINIATURE ECLIPSE!

AN "ARTIFICIAL ECLIPSE" TRANSFORMING YOU INTO ECLIPSO? IS IT POSSIBLE?



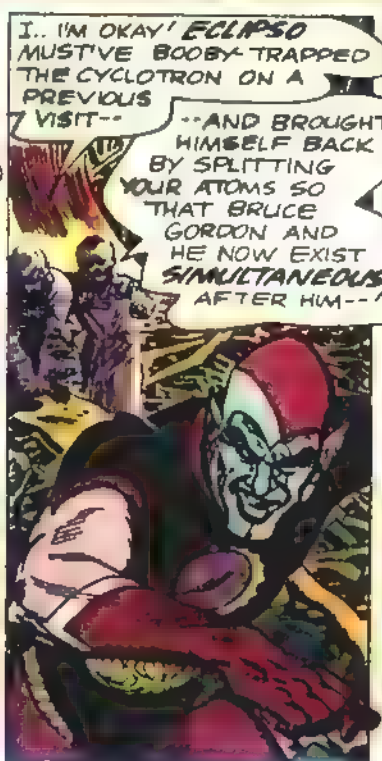
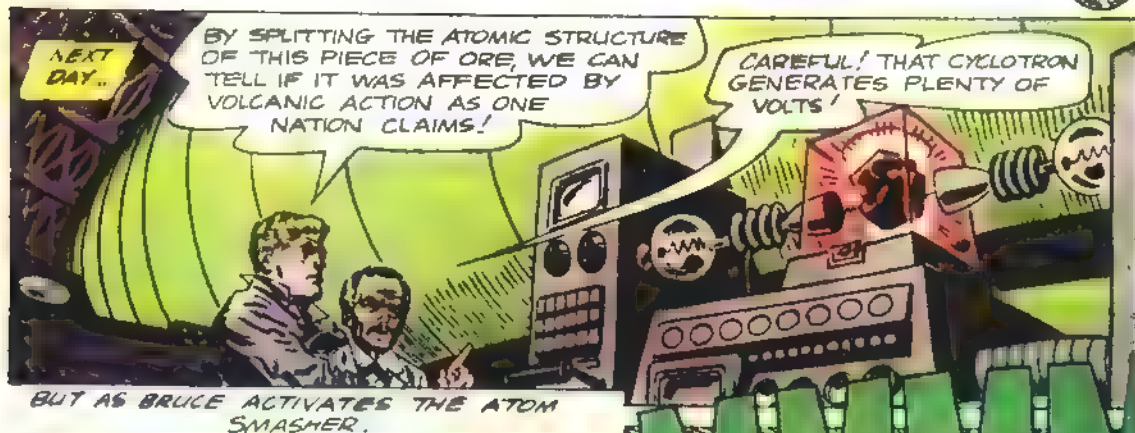


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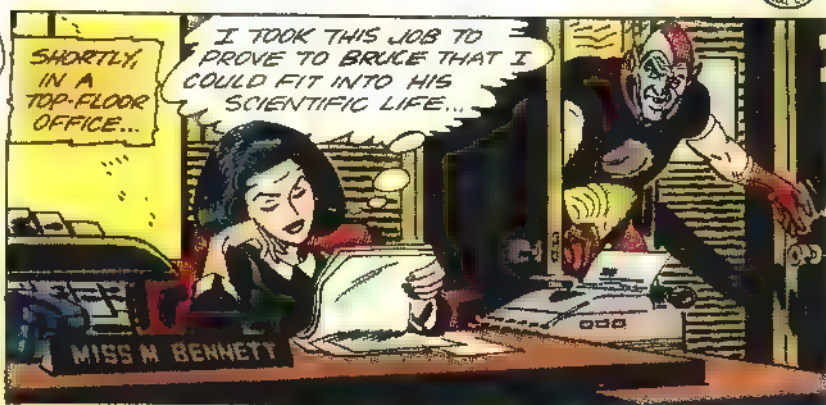
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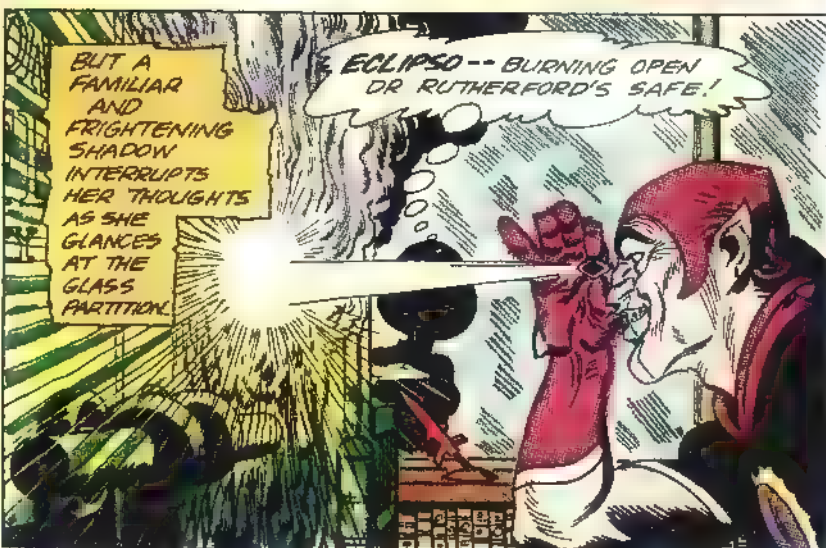
OH--! IT-- IT'S THAT TERRIBLE **ECLIPSO** WE READ ABOUT!



SHORTLY, IN A TOP-FLOOR OFFICE...

I TOOK THIS JOB TO PROVE TO BRUCE THAT I COULD FIT INTO HIS SCIENTIFIC LIFE...

MISS M BENNETT



BUT A FAMILIAR AND FRIGHTENING SHADOW INTERRUPTS HER THOUGHTS AS SHE GLANCES AT THE GLASS PARTITION.

ECLIPSO-- BURNING OPEN DR RUTHERFORD'S SAFE!



I'VE HAD A SUSPICION **ECLIPSO** IS REALLY BRUCE IN ANOTHER IDENTITY! THIS IS MY CHANCE TO TEST MY THEORY!



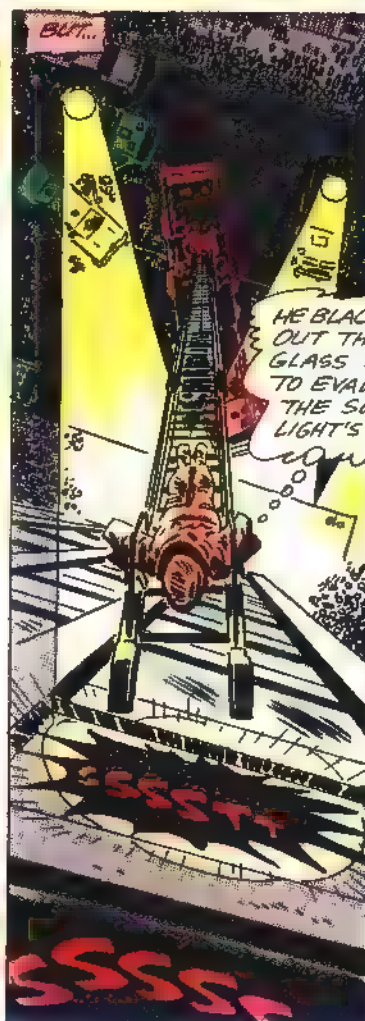
GIVE ME THOSE PLANS! I KNOW WHO REALLY-- OH! I CAN'T SEE!



MEANWHILE...

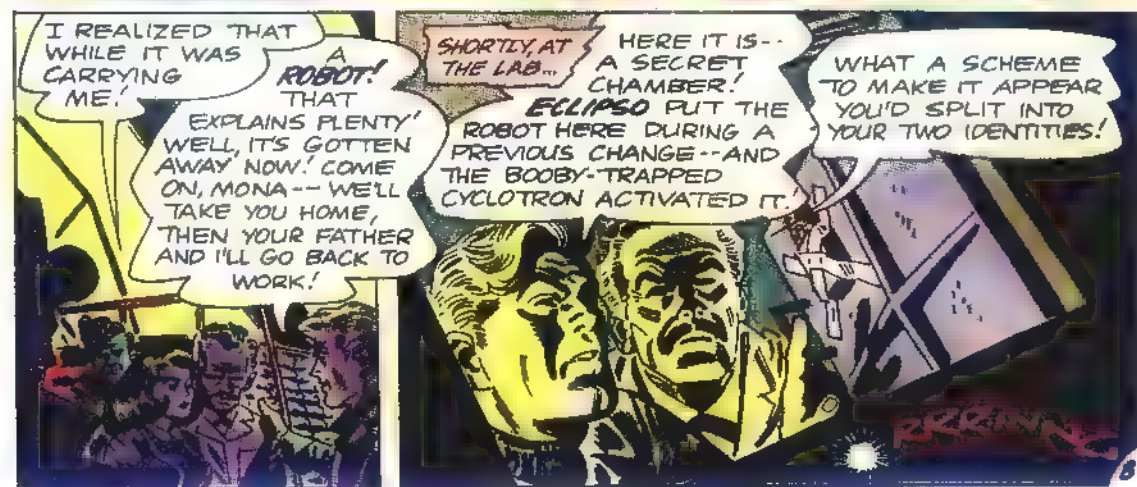
THE BUILDING'S BEEN EVACUATED, DR. GORDON!

GOOD! WE WANT EVERYONE OUT OF DANGER!





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SHORTLY, AT THE LAB...

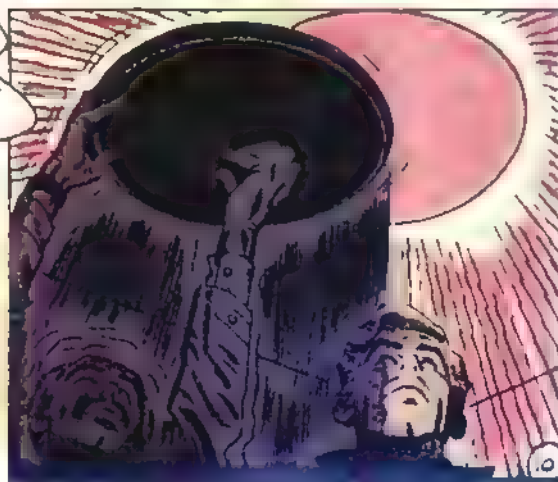
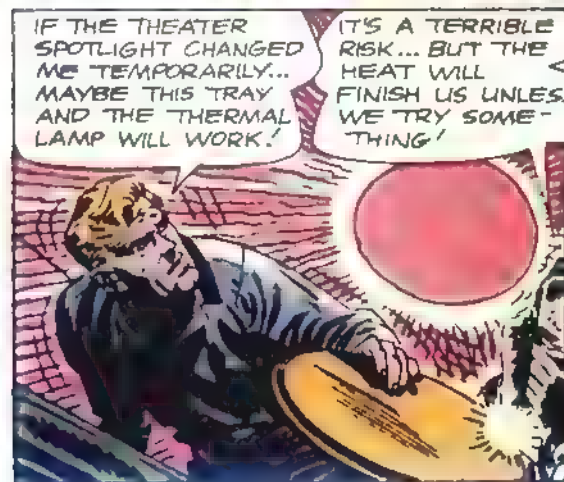
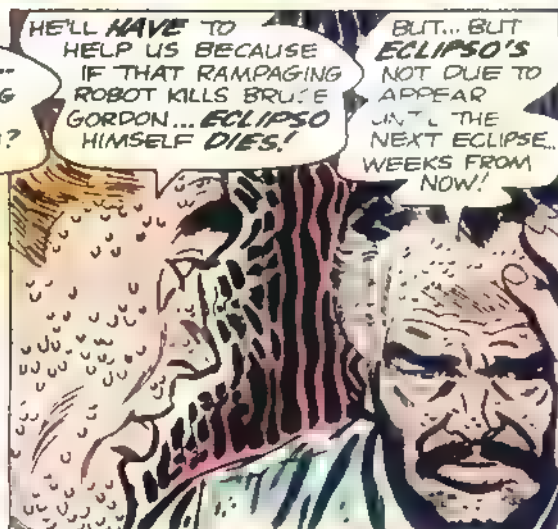
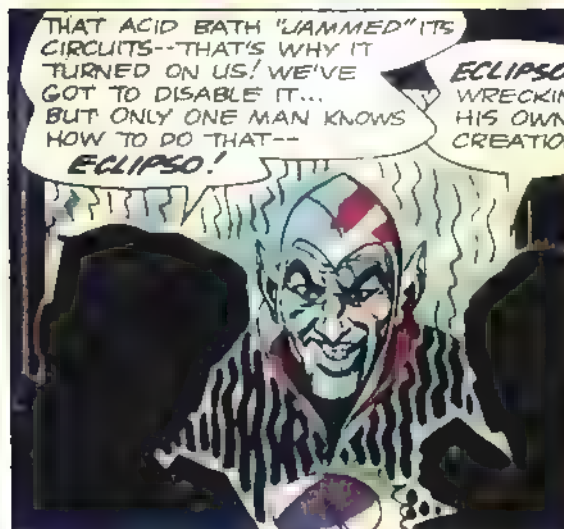
HERE IT IS-- A SECRET CHAMBER!

ECLIPSO PUT THE ROBOT HERE DURING A PREVIOUS CHANGE-- AND THE BOOBY-TRAPPED CYCLOTRON ACTIVATED IT.

WHAT A SCHEME TO MAKE IT APPEAR YOU'D SPLIT INTO YOUR TWO IDENTITIES!



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IT'S WORKING
I'M CHANGING!

THUS, ONCE AGAIN,
BRUCE GORDON GIVES
WAY TO **ECLIPSO**--
HIS EVIL ARCH-FOE

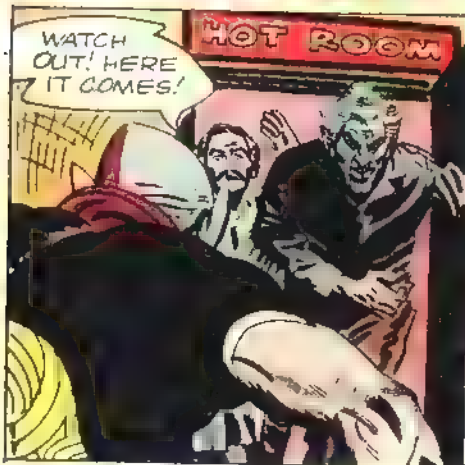
I SEE, MY ROBOT
TRAPPED YOU,
PROFESSOR I'LL
WALK OUT AND LET
THIS HEAT
FINISH
YOU.

WAIT!
LISTEN
TO ME...
OR YOU'RE
DOOMED,
TOO!

AFTER HE HAS GASPED OUT THE
EXPLANATION...

..SO I HAVE
ONLY A FEW
MINUTES
BEFORE I
CHANGE
BACK TO
BRUCE
GORDON--

YES, AND UNLESS YOU
DISABLE THE ROBOT
IN TIME, IT'LL KILL
BRUCE, ENDING YOUR
OWN EXISTENCE TOO!



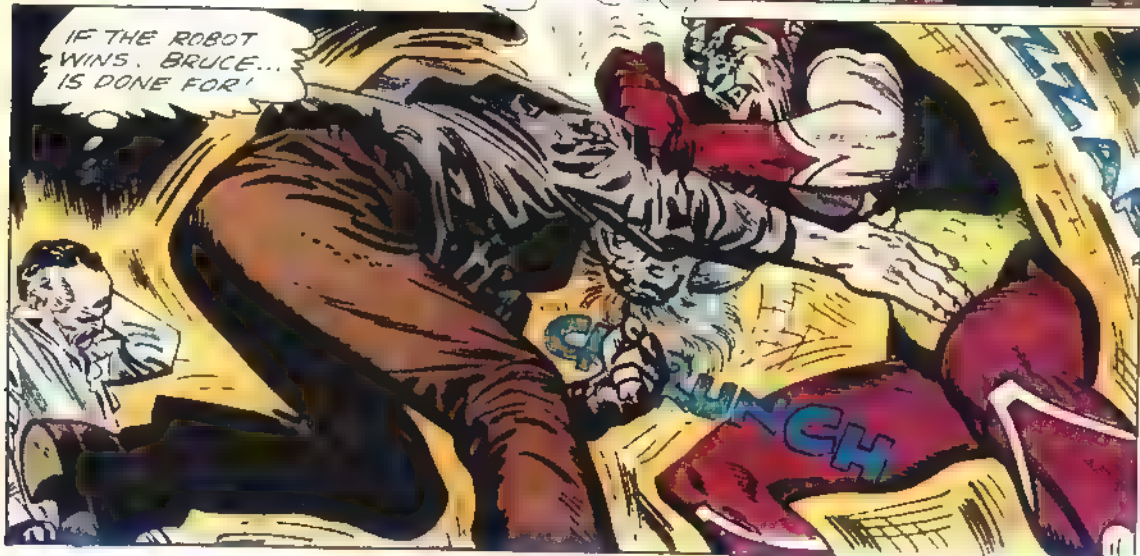
WATCH
OUT! HERE
IT COMES!

HOT ROOM

AS
ECLIPSO
AND
HIS
OWN
CREATION
LOCK
IN
DEADLY
STRUGGLE



MUST KEEP IT
FROM USING THE
BLACK GEM--
AGAINST ME!



IF THE ROBOT
WINS, BRUCE...
IS DONE FOR!

CRASH

SUDDENLY...

THE ROBOT'S
COLLAPSING!



HAVING INVENTED
IT, I KNEW WHERE
TO FIND AND DIS-
CONNECT ITS MAIN
ELECTRONIC
CONTROL! INTO
THAT ROOM, PRO-
FESSOR!... I'M
BEGINNING TO
FEEL MYSELF
CHANGING BACK
TO BRUCE!



AS HE RESUMES HIS NORMAL
IDENTITY...

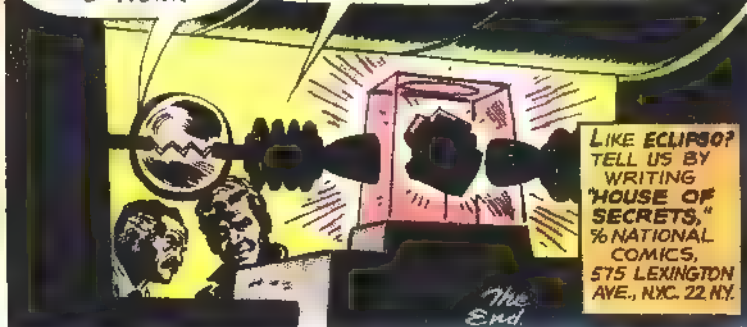
BRUCE, YOUR
SCHEME WORKED-
USING **ECLIPSO** TO
DEFEAT HIS OWN
ROBOT ALLY!

THANKS TO THAT
"ARTIFICIAL
ECLIPSE"
EFFECT!



THE WORLD
IS WAITING
FOR OUR
REPLY! LET'S
GET BACK
TO WORK--

THERE WON'T BE ANY
INTERRUPTIONS NOW... BUT
ONE DAY THE **REAL ECLIPSO**
WILL RETURN TO PLAGUE US!
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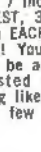
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I was a
125 lb.
6 ft.
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weakling



says JOHN SILL

I added 7 inches to
MY CHEST, 3 1/2 IN-
CHES to EACH ARM.
No, Pal! You don't
have to be a chick-
en-chested skinny
weakling like I was
only a few weeks
ago.

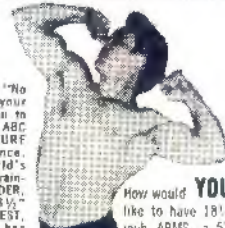
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COURSES at once.
Under the World's
greatest home train-
ing BODY BUILDER,
I now have 18 1/2
ARMS, a 52" CHEST,
my STRENGTH has
greatly improved. So
have my sports. I have won titles
like "Mr. Virginian," "Mr. State
Y.M.C.A." etc.



How would YOU
like to have 18 1/2
inch ARMS, a 52
inch CHEST like
this ABC pupil?
NOW HAS?

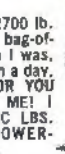
I BROKE A
WORLD'S
STRENGTH
RECORD!

JIM NORMAN
became Athlete of
the Year. Lifted the
front End of a 2700 lb.
Car. Quit being a bag-of-
bones weakling like I was.
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